

# **James L. Monahan collection**

## **S0974**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	Monahan, James L., 1825-1924
<b>Title</b>	James L. Monahan collection
<b>Date</b>	1923-1973
<b>Extent</b>	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Text [Folder]</b>	S0974

### Preferred Citation

James L. Monahan collection, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

## Biographical Note

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James L. Monahan was a pioneer of LaPorte County, Indiana. He was born March 1, 1825 in Springfield, Clark County, Ohio and was brought to LaPorte County on February 20, 1835 by his Uncle Jonathan Dudley. Monahan married Martha Ann Sharp in 1847 and they had six children. A blacksmith by trade, he died at the age of 98 on January 15, 1924.

Sources:

Information found within collection.

Ancestry.com. "James L. Monahan." *1900 United States Federal Census*. Accessed August 25, 2017. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>.

Ancestry.com. "James L. Monahan." *Indiana Death Certificates, 1899-2011*. Accessed August 25, 2017. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>.

FindaGrave.com. "James Limerick Monahan." *Find a Grave Index*. Accessed August 25, 2017. <https://www.findagrave.com>.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains a typewritten copy of a narrative given by LaPorte County, Indiana pioneer James L. Monahan and written down by James W. Lester, secretary of the Gary Historical Society, in the spring of 1923 when Monahan was 98 years old. The narrative relates his childhood experiences as a pioneer living among the Potawatomi and gives an eyewitness account of their forced removal from Northern Indiana. He noted that he "saw a great many of the first things started here" and mentioned several names of other early settlers. Monahan's obituary from a January 15, 1924 Michigan City newspaper is reprinted at the end of the narrative. The collection also includes the January 11, 1973 handwritten letter from Gene McDonald of the LaPorte County Pioneer Cemetery Commission that was sent to the Indiana State Museum along with the Monahan narrative.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged chronologically.

## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

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### Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a records transfer from the Indiana State Museum on 1975/03/12.

### Accruals

No further additions are expected.

### Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2017/08/25 by Laura Eliason. EAD finding aid created 2017/08/25 by Laura Eliason.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Genre(s)

- Correspondence
- Obituaries

- Personal narratives

### **Geographic Name(s)**

- LaPorte County (Ind.)

### **Personal Name(s)**

- Monahan, James L., 1825-1924

### **Subject(s)**

- Frontier and pioneer life
- Frontier and pioneer life--Indiana
- Indian Removal, 1813-1903
- Indians of North America
- Pioneers--Indiana
- Potawatomi Indians